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NEW YORK STATE SENATE

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REGULAR SESSION

SENATOR ROXANNE J. PERSAUD, Acting President

ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
3 Senate will come to order.

4 I ask everyone to please rise and
5 recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

6 (Whereupon, the assemblage recited
7 the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: In the
9 absence of clergy, let us bow our heads in a
10 moment of silent reflection or prayer.

11 (Whereupon, the assemblage respected
12 a moment of silence.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Reading
14 of the Journal.

15 THE SECRETARY: In Senate,
16 Wednesday, May 14, 2025, the Senate met pursuant
17 to adjournment. The Journal of Tuesday, May 13,
18 2025, was read and approved. On motion, the
19 Senate adjourned.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Without
21 objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

22 Presentation of petitions.

23 Messages from the Assembly.

24 Messages from the Governor.

25 Reports of standing committees.

1 Reports of select committees.

2 Communications and reports from
3 state officers.

4 Motions and resolutions.

5 Senator Serrano.

6 SENATOR SERRANO: Madam President,
7 on behalf of Senator Skoufis, on page 21 I offer
8 the following amendments to Calendar Number 242,
9 Senate Print Number 567, and I ask that said bill
10 retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
12 amendments are received, and the bill will retain
13 its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

14 Senator Serrano.

15 SENATOR SERRANO: At this point I'd
16 like to recognize Senator Sepúlveda for an
17 introduction.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
19 Sepúlveda for an introduction.

20 SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Thank you,
21 Madam President, for allowing me to make this
22 introduction.

23 First I want to say good morning to
24 my colleagues and to my esteemed guests, who are
25 Dominican businesswomen.

1 It's truly an honor for me to be
2 here today on such a meaningful occasion to
3 introduce before the New York State Senate two
4 extraordinary women who embody the best of
5 leadership, dedication and vision that our
6 communities both need and deserve.

7 The Federation of
8 Dominican-International Women Entrepreneurs is an
9 organization that has transcended borders by
10 empowering women, promoting entrepreneurial
11 spirit, and strengthening ties between the
12 Dominican Republic and its diaspora abroad.

13 The federation is made up of
14 associations and entrepreneurial women, business
15 owners, merchants and professionals who, through
16 their daily efforts, contribute decisively to the
17 economic development of various sectors in our
18 society.

19 Today we present two exemplary
20 figures: Rossy M. Escotto, president, and
21 Sonya Uribe, first vice president of the
22 Federation of Dominican-International Women
23 Entrepreneurs.

24 With strong, humane and committed
25 leadership, both have been tireless advocates for

1 economic progress rooted in equity and social
2 justice. Their dedication and commitment have
3 inspired hundreds of women to become
4 entrepreneurs, to overcome barriers, and to build
5 a future with dignity, purpose and hope.

6 I am honored to introduce to you
7 Rossy M. Escotto and Sonya Uribe, not only for
8 the positions they hold but for the real,
9 positive and lasting impact that they have made
10 on the lives of so many women as well in
11 strengthening our communities.

12 These outstanding Dominican
13 businesswomen have become true beacons of hope
14 and action for women who at some point doubted
15 their ability to lead. Thanks to their vision
16 and determination, today there are more
17 opportunities, more support networks, and
18 many more success stories led by brave women.

19 The Federation of Dominican
20 International Women Entrepreneurs not only drives
21 economic development through female
22 entrepreneurship, but also nurtures pride,
23 identity and hope in every community where it is
24 present.

25 (Repeating remarks in Spanish.)

1 Thank you very much, Mr. President.

2 Muchas gracias.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: De nada.

4 To our guests representing Dominican
5 women entrepreneurs, I welcome you on behalf of
6 the Senate. We extend to you the privileges and
7 courtesies of this house.

8 Please rise and be recognized.

9 (Standing ovation.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
11 Serrano.

12 SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you,
13 Madam President.

14 Let's take up previously adopted
15 Resolution 809, by Senator Ashby. Please read
16 that resolution title only and call on
17 Senator Ashby.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
19 Secretary will read.

20 THE SECRETARY: Resolution 809, by
21 Senator Ashby, memorializing Governor Kathy
22 Hochul to proclaim May 15, 2025, as Prader-Willi
23 Syndrome Awareness Day in the State of New York.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
25 Ashby on the resolution.

1 SENATOR ASHBY: Thank you,
2 Madam President.

3 Prader-Willi syndrome is a rare
4 genetic and metabolic disorder that affects one
5 out of 15,000 births nationally.

6 Recently -- well, I shouldn't say
7 recently. In 2017 it was added to the definition
8 of a developmental disability in the State of
9 New York.

10 And with us today are some amazing
11 advocates and people who go out of their way to
12 not only generate awareness to this
13 life-threatening illness, but to help people live
14 with it in the best way that they possibly can.

15 Joining us today is Stacy Ward, the
16 CEO of the National Prader-Willi Syndrome
17 Association; Jeff Covington, who sits on the
18 national board; the McDougall family, from our
19 colleague Senator Chris Ryan's district;
20 Sarah Bernas, from Castleton, with her daughter
21 Lexi and husband Matthew.

22 Please offer them all the privileges
23 of the house. And thank you so much for the
24 amazing work that you continue to do each and
25 every day.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank
2 you, Senator.

3 To our guests, I welcome you on
4 behalf of the Senate.

5 Guys, excuse us, please. Could we
6 have some quiet, please? Thank you.

7 I welcome you on behalf of the
8 Senate. We extend to you the privileges and
9 courtesies of this house.

10 Please rise and be recognized.

11 (Standing ovation.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
13 Serrano.

14 SENATOR SERRANO: At the request of
15 the sponsor, the resolution is open for
16 cosponsorship.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: At the
18 request of the sponsor, the resolution is open
19 for cosponsorship. Should you choose not to be a
20 cosponsor, please notify the desk.

21 The resolution was previously
22 adopted on April 29th.

23 Senator Serrano.

24 SENATOR SERRANO: Please take up
25 the reading of the calendar.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
2 Secretary will read.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 263, Senate Print 1183, by Senator Addabbo, an
5 act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

6 SENATOR SERRANO: Lay it aside for
7 the day.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Lay it
9 aside for the day.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
11 375, Senate Print 3367, by Senator Mayer, an act
12 to amend the Local Finance Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
14 last section.

15 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This
16 act shall take effect immediately.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
21 the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 432, Senate Print 4252, by Senator Parker, an act
2 to amend the Administrative Code of the City of
3 New York.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
5 last section.

6 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
7 act shall take effect immediately.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 497, Senate Print 4713A, by Senator Fahy, an act
18 to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
20 last section.

21 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
22 act shall take effect immediately.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
2 the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
4 Calendar Number 497, voting in the negative:
5 Senator Walczyk.

6 Ayes, 52. Nays, 1.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 498, Senate Print 3689, by Senator Sanders, an
11 act to amend the Real Property Actions and
12 Proceedings Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
14 last section.

15 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
16 act shall take effect immediately.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
21 the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
23 Calendar 498, voting in the negative are
24 Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan,
25 Griffo, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray,

1 Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads,
2 Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

3 Ayes, 35. Nays, 18.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 653, Senate Print 2470, by Senator Parker, an act
8 to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

9 SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

10 SENATOR SERRANO: Lay it aside for
11 the day.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
13 will be laid aside for the day.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
15 657, Senate Print 3838A, by Senator Hinchey,
16 an act to amend the Public Health Law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
18 last section.

19 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
20 act shall take effect on the 180th day after it
21 shall have become a law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce

1 the results.

2 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 659, Senate Print 4275, by Senator Kavanaugh, an
7 act to amend the Public Health Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
9 last section.

10 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
11 act shall take effect on the first of April.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
18 Calendar 659, voting in the negative are
19 Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,
20 Chan, Griffio, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera,
21 Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads,
22 Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

23 Ayes, 33. Nays, 20.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 662, Senate Print 1380A, by Senator Serrano, an
3 act to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic
4 Preservation Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
6 last section.

7 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
8 act shall take effect on the 80th day after it
9 shall have become a law.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
11 roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
14 the results.

15 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
16 Calendar 662, voting in the negative are
17 Senators Ortt and Murray.

18 Ayes, 51. Nays, 2.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 672, Senate Print 4516, by Senator Ramos, an act
23 to amend the Labor Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
25 last section.

1 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
2 act shall take effect immediately.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 702, Senate Print 3741A, by Senator Fernandez, an
13 act to amend the Public Officers Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
15 last section.

16 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. this
17 act shall take effect on the first of January.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
22 the results.

23 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 705, Senate Print 4336, by Senator Comrie, an act
3 to amend the Public Service Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
5 last section.

6 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
7 act shall take effect on the 120th day after it
8 shall have become a law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
13 the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
15 Calendar 705, voting in the negative are
16 Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,
17 Chan, Griffo, Oberacker, Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec,
18 Tedisco and Walczyk.

19 Ayes, 42. Nays, 11.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 959, Senate Print 4482, by Senator Mayer, an act
24 to amend the Election Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the

1 last section.

2 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
3 act shall take effect on the 90th day after it
4 shall have become a law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
9 the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
11 Calendar 959, voting in the negative:
12 Senator Lanza.

13 Ayes, 52. Nays, 1.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
15 is passed.

16 Senator Serrano, that completes the
17 reading of today's calendar.

18 SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you,
19 Madam President. Can we return to motions.

20 On behalf of Senator Fahy, on
21 page 64 I offer the following amendments to
22 Calendar Number 985, Senate Print 1490, and I ask
23 that said bill retain its place on Third Reading
24 Calendar.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The

1 amendments are received, and the bill will retain
2 its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

3 SENATOR SERRANO: Is there any
4 further business at the desk?

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: There is
6 no further business at the desk.

7 SENATOR SERRANO: I move to adjourn
8 until Monday, May 19th, at 3:00 p.m., with the
9 intervening days being legislative days.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: On
11 motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday,
12 May 19th, at 3:00 p.m., with intervening days
13 being legislative days.

14 (Whereupon, at 12:03 p.m., the
15 Senate adjourned.)

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